## PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT For the Year Ended December 31, 1997 (amounts expressed in thousands)

		Cost Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization								Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation and
	Depreciation Life (Years)	Balance, December 31, 1996	Additions and Transfers	Sales and Retirements	Balance, December 31, 1997	Balance, December 31, 1996	Provision	Sales, Retirements and Transfers	Balance, December 31, 1997	Amortization as of December 31, 1997
UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE:										
Source of supply plant	10 - 80	\$ 336,872	\$ 11,205	\$ (465)	\$ 347,612	\$ 82,195	\$ 4,215	\$ (48)	\$ 86,362	\$ 261,250
Pumping plant	20 - 80	30,865	2,231	(146)	32,950	9,839	633	(110)	10,362	22,588
Water treatment plant	20 - 80	193,707	(1,418)	(72)	192,217	38,758	3,521	(87)	42,192	150,025
Transmission and distribution plant	30 - 80	517,000	19,541	(243)	536,298	102,201	7,692	(10)	109,883	426,415
General plant and equipment	5 - 50	67,285	6,441	(1,410)	72,316	30,956	4,429	(1,209)	34,176	38,140
Leasehold and other improvements	5 - 10	3,570	2,188		5,758	1,321	400		1,721	4,037
Land held for future use		14,444		(8)	14,436					14,436
Total utility plant in service		1,163,743	40,188	(2,344)	1,201,587	265,270	20,890	(1,464)	284,696	916,891
NONUTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE:										
Plant	10 - 80	6,811	127		6,938	2,273	91		2,364	4,574
General equipment	10 - 20	93	8	(1)	100	32	8		40	60
Total nonutility plant in service		6,904	135	(1)	7,038	2,305	99		2,404	4,634
UTILITY PLANT UNDER CAPITAL LEASE	80	42,981			42,981	672	537		1,209	41,772
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS		23,115	7,341		30,456					30,456
Total property, plant and equipment		\$ 1,236,743	\$ 47,664	\$ (2,345)	\$ 1,282,062	\$ 268,247	\$ 21,526	\$ (1,464)	\$ 288,309	\$ 993,753